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Dear CBM Coordination Group Member,

The next meeting of the Coal Bed Methane Coordination Group is scheduled for **May 9 in the meeting room of the Range Riders Museum just west of Miles City, Montana**. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and we anticipate being done by 3:00 p.m.. An attached draft agenda lists the times and activities that we could share during the meeting. Interested members of the public are invited to attend and listen to the discussion.

Per the current agenda, members of the CBM Coordination Group will get about five minutes each to share CBM information from their agency or interest group during a round-robin report in the morning (see attached agenda). Please be thinking of information or updates that would help bring everyone up-to-date with your CBM activities. **If your organization or agency doesn't need time at this meeting, please let Mary Bloom know so that we can adjust the agenda.**

One topic of interest for this meeting will be a presentation by the contractor for the Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement, Arthur Langhus Layne (ALL) of Tulsa, Oklahoma. ALL has a professional staff of 15 and has worked on a number of environmental, regulatory, and technology projects for federal and state agencies and private industry. To supplement ALL's capabilities on this project, they have added CH2M HILL to the project team. CH2M HILL is a large environmental consulting firm with more than 7,000 employees and a 50 year history. ALL is responsible for writing the draft EIS for the BLM and the State of Montana. The contract is being funded and managed by BLM.

Please mark your calendars for May 9 and if you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mary Bloom, Coal Bed Methane Program Manager at (406) 233-3649.

Sincerely,

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Acting Field Manager

Attachment-Agenda (1 pg) cc: State Director, MT State
Office (MT 910) Associate State Director, MT State Office
(MT 910) Chief, External Affairs, MT State Office (MT 912)
Chief, Fluid Mineral Branch, MT State Office (MT922)

AGENDA
Coal Bed Methane Coordination Group Meeting
May 9 - Range Riders Museum

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00 a.m.	Welcome/Housekeeping Items • Agenda Review/Meeting Groundrules • Introductions	Marilyn Krause, Meeting Facilitator
9:30	Round Robin Reports from CBM CG Members • BLM - Castle Rock Project • DNRC - State Land Activity • MBMG - Info provided for EIS • BOGC - Actions approved under settlement agreement • DEQ - Actions approved under settlement agreement • Custer NF - Plans for Custer NF • Northern Cheyenne - Plans for the Northern Cheyenne • Crow Tribe - Plans for the Crow • EPA - Info share	David Breisch Dwayne Andrews John Wheaton Tom Richmond Greg Hallsten Nancy Curriden Geri Small Neta Old Elk Wes Wilson
10:15	BREAK	
10:30	EQC - Legislative Action Affecting CBM • BIA - Plans for after the BLM/State EIS • FWP - FWP involvement in proposed or approved activities • MT Petroleum Assoc - Industry Monitoring • USGS - Involvement in future plans • NPRC - Info Share • Tongue & Yellowstone Irrigation - Info share • Spring Creek Coal Co - Info share on future plans • Eastern MT RAC - Role of the RAC in the EIS process • County Commissioners - Powder River Co., Big Horn Co., Rosebud Co. • Big Horn Co. Conserv District - Info Share • Rosebud/Treasure Co. Extension Agent - Info Share	Senator Mack Cole Rick Stafanic Don Hyypa Mike Caskey Bob Davis/John Kilpatrick Art Hayes Roger Muggli Tim Fagley Charles "Bucky" Heringer Don McDowell, John Doyle, and Dan Watson Jerry Lunde Todd Yeager
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1:15	Contractor Presentation - Scoping Summary	ALL Consulting
3:00	Wrap-up & Adjourn	Krause